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**Latimer, Becky**

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**From:** Latimer, Becky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** 2019-281-S

Dear Jane Grace,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,  
Becky Latimer

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** Latimer, Becky  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Palmetto Utilities - Briarcliffe Estates

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 15, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Palmetto Utilities - Briarcliffe Estates

I am a native Columbian, 79 years old, living [REDACTED] with a rescued dog of 14, on Social Security and a meager retirement from one job. I worked until I was 70 and ½ years old.

My water bill has always been about \$22 - \$25 per month. I do not water grass. My water rates have gone up about \$10 in the last several months, although my water usage is the same. Now these rich contractors want to soak us some more for NEW sewer construction for their NEW subdivisions. Present homeowners benefit NOTHING. New roads are built to accommodate these new sub-divisions with taxes WE have already paid into the coffers – NOT contractors. Why don't they use their own money from PROFITS and pass them on to the new buyers of these sub-divisions who benefit from their new homes with new sewers?

It also seems that two main contractors are being ALLOWED to BALD-FACE land to build UGLY, 2-story homes only a few feet from each other. The Northeast area is becoming uglier and uglier. Help protect our trees! Trees take in carbon dioxide (which help our polluted air) and emit oxygen that we breathe. They are beautiful, provide natural landscaping and provide shade in the hot, humid climate in our area. Many thanks to the decent, responsible, caring politicians who have protected downtown, Forest Acres and Shandon of their beautiful trees in our city.

Also, I have a water meter. In this new world of technology, why can't our sewer usage be monitored? When I first moved here over 18 years ago, I tried to maintain my grass, and my water bill shot up to over \$100 a month, so I quit. Why should I pay the same for sewer fees as families with children who water their grass religiously (my neighbors across the street are fanatical about their yard) and undoubtedly, pay extremely high water bills, but pay the same sewer fees as I do? How is it FAIR for Palmetto Utilities to charge a flat rate for THEIR convenience?

Please help us seniors to stay in our homes. It would benefit our whole society.

Sincerely,

Jane Grace

Elgin, SC

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